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Accumold

<p>Part I: Accumold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located in Ankeny, Iowa</li> <li>• Founded in 1985</li> <li>• World’s first Micro-Molder®</li> <li>• 135,000 sq. ft. facility</li> <li>• Molds small plastic parts for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micro-Electronics</li> <li>• Micro Optics</li> <li>• Medical parts</li> <li>• Military/Aerospace</li> <li>• Automotive Electronics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Part II: Production Workers, Materials Handler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production workers run machines that make small and micro parts.</li> <li>• Materials Handler tracks the plastic materials that are used to make the different parts.</li> <li>• To make some parts, color concentrate is mixed with plastic resin</li> <li>• Accurate measurements are needed to make good parts</li> </ul>
<p>Part III: Defective Parts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When production workers inspected the parts, they noted that the parts were brittle (break easily)</li> <li>• What do you think happened?</li> <li>• How can the materials handler solve the problem?</li> </ul>	<p>Part IV: Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 lbs of material was to be used</li> <li>• Part specification requires 94% plastic resin and 6% colorant</li> <li>• The materials were mixed in the wrong ratio and will need to be mixed again.</li> </ul>
<p>Part V: Business Solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once the mistake was identified, the materials handler was able to re-mix the blend</li> <li>• Use the colorant with plastic resin instead of the colorant</li> <li>• The small change in ratio is still within tolerances</li> </ul>	<p>Part VI: Student Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sort out the plastic resin from the colorant</li> <li>• Use ratios to determine exactly how much of the mix should be used to create the correct blend</li> </ul>